

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1969 - HB 2439

February 18, 2014

SUMMARY OF BILL: Encourages local education agencies (LEAs) to promote educational opportunities about the history of traditional winter celebrations and allow students, teachers, and administrators to use the traditional greetings of such celebrations. Authorizes LEAs to display scenes or symbols associated with traditional winter celebrations such as a menorah or Christmas tree if the display includes a scene or symbol of more than one religion or one religion and at least a secular scene or symbol. Prohibits teachers, administrators, or other LEA employees from leading, directing, or encouraging any religious or antireligious activity that is in violation of the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Any permissive increase in local government expenditures to educate students on traditional winter celebrations or to display traditional holiday scenes or symbols is estimated to be not significant.
- No fiscal impact on state expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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